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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/63/L.57

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/63/19) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/63/L.57. As indicated in the statement, the General Assembly, under the terms of paragraph 2 of its draft resolution A/63/L.57, would endorse the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development, which, in paragraph 79, calls for holding a conference at the highest level on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development. The conference will be organized by the President of the General Assembly and the modalities will be defined by March 2009 at the latest.

2. The Committee further notes, as indicated in the statement, that there are insufficient details at this time regarding the modalities of the conference to determine the full range of related programme budget implications. No additional conference services would be required, on the understanding that the conference would be part of the regular work programme of the General Assembly, utilizing meeting and documentation resources that have already been planned and budgeted. However, any additional conference-servicing requirements for related parallel meetings, round tables, panels and civil society hearings and/or dialogues would have to be reviewed and evaluated and their financial implications determined at the

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time the modalities were made clear, after close consultations with Member States regarding relevant organizational arrangements.

3. **Bearing in mind what is stated in the statement of the Secretary-General, the Fifth Committee may wish to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/63/L.57, additional resource requirements may be required. However, given the absence of sufficient details at this stage regarding the modalities of the conference, it is difficult to determine the full extent of the programme budget implications. A detailed statement would therefore be submitted for consideration by the General Assembly during its current session as soon as specific information on the format and modalities of the conference becomes available.**